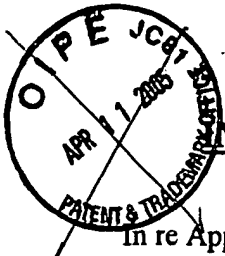


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Rayford:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2005, which had a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on April 11, 2005.

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